

REMARKS


This Preliminary Amendment amends the Specification, specifically the Cross-Reference to Related Applications, page 1, lines 1-3, of the instant application to indicate that the instant application is a Continuation of Application Serial No. 09/259,929. Thus, the present application reflects the claim to priority as is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.78 (a)(2) and (a)(5).

Furthermore, by this amendment, Claims 1-56 have been canceled. Accordingly, Claim 57 is currently pending in the instant application.

Applicants assert that these amendments to the Specification and Claims do not insert new matter. Entry of the foregoing remarks into the record of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

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